



Our Army — The Force of Decision

America's Army is a capabilities-based force. It always has been. America's Army provides the nation the military power it needs for peace and war to conduct a wide variety of missions, as it has since 1775. This is what a capabilities-based force is all about—providing options for the nation. The knowledge that the Nation can call on its Army—at a moment's notice—to perform tasks ranging from domestic disaster relief to overseas wars is the legacy of more than two hundred years of U.S. Army history.

In the early days of the American state, the Army performed two broad missions—to defend the republic against enemies and to support the growth of the emerging nation. Both were vital to the nation's future.

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After the Revolutionary War, American leaders understood that the young republic stood without true friends in an international realm where power—particularly military power—determined the fate of nations.